

RIOT RULE IN PEKIN.

Legations Reported Destroyed and German Minister Killed.

BOXERS USING THE TORCH.

French Cathedral and American Mission Building Burned.

Report of Battle Between British Marines and Chinese Troops—Supply Train Falls to Beach Admiral Seymour's Allied Force on the Way to Peking—Anxiety for the Force Which Is Short of Water and Provisions.

German Government Gets No Official News of the Reported Murder of Its Minister at Peking—Telegraph Wires North and South of Tien-Tsin Cut, and the Town Is Now Isolated—The Boxer Disturbances Spreading.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

From a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN.

Hong Kong, June 16, 4:30 P. M.—Despatches from Tien-Tsin say that all the legations at Peking have been destroyed. The German Minister, Baron von Ketteler, has been killed.

The British cruiser Undaunted started for Taku immediately on receipt of the above news.

The Hon. Lieut. George Gribble, with 400 men of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, sailed this morning for Tien-Tsin.

Admiral Seymour's communications have been broken, and a provision train which went to his relief has been compelled to return. It failed to get through to Lang-Fang, where Admiral Seymour's force is reported to have been stopped on its way to Peking.

BENLIN, June 16.—The Foreign Office declares that it has received no news in reference to the reported assassination of Baron von Ketteler, the German Minister at Peking.

PARIS, June 16.—The Foreign Office has no news from Peking.

AMSTERDAM, June 16.—The Government of the Netherlands will send an ironclad and a cruiser to Pe-Chi-Li.

LONDON, June 16.—Many startling rumors in regard to the situation in China are printed. It is said that the stations at Baoding and Tang-chu, the Catholic cathedral at Peking and three Anglo-American churches at Tien-Tsin have been burned.

It is apparently true that the train conveying food and ammunition for Admiral Seymour's international force was unable to reach Lang-Fang and was obliged to return to Tien-Tsin.

The Japanese newspapers are urging the Government to demand ample reparation for the murder of Sushima Akira, the Chancellor of the Japanese Legation at Peking.

A despatch to the Central News from Vienna says that Japan, with the consent of the Powers, will send 1,000 troops to Tien-Tsin.

LONDON, June 17.—A despatch to Dailies News Agency from Shanghai says that the international naval force under the British Admiral Seymour is in a tight place between Lang-Fang and Tien-Tsin. Enormous masses of Chinese soldiers are in front of them. The Boxers and Chinese soldiers are cutting the railway in their rear. The column is short of provisions and water.

The disturbances are spreading in the Yangtze-Kiang valley. Placards have been posted at Wu-Hu, Chin-Kiang and Kiu-Kiang calling for the extermination of the foreigners.

The Kiang-Nan arsenal, just outside of Shanghai, is sending vast quantities of munitions to the North.

The same correspondent sends a report of widespread incendiarism in Peking. Numerous buildings have been destroyed, including the French Cathedral and the buildings of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The latest reports from a Chinese source state that the British marines and bluejackets were engaged with Gen. Yung Fung Ssang's troops for several hours, and that many of the Chinese were killed.

SHANGHAI, June 16.—A force of 10,000 Chinese troops which was between Peking and the international relief column under Admiral Seymour has been disbanded and the soldiers have joined the Boxers.

It is reported that the Chinese Government does not consider itself responsible for any encounter that may occur with the European forces.

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DETROIT, June 16.—The reported death of Baron von Ketteler, prostrated President Ledyard of the Michigan Central, whose daughter Maude the German diplomat married in this city in 1897. Only a few months ago Mr. Ledyard suffered the loss of his son, Lieut. Ledyard, who was killed in the Philippines.

There have been many direct intimations of Russian intrigue in connection with the Boxer rising in recent despatches from China, but nothing tangible is forthcoming.

It is incredible that any mind in Russia could deliberately incite the massacre of foreigners in China, such as is now reported to be taking place.

It is suggested freely, even in friendly circles in Paris, that the Russian Government is guilty of a serious breach of faith in connection with the Boxer rising.

QUARANTINE ON ALL CALIFORNIA.

No One May Leave the State Without a Health Certificate.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—Federal Quarantine Officer Kinyon to-day announced San Francisco by issuing orders quarantining the State on account of the bubonic plague.

His order requires all transportation companies to demand health certificates before selling tickets to any one leaving San Francisco for other States or Territories.

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PLATT WONT HEAR OF BLISS.

NEW YORK'S "BIG FOUR" IN PHILADELPHIA FOR THE CONVENTION.

The Scenes in the Quaker City Became Animated at Once—Cheers for Roosevelt, Platt and Quay and Hanna to Have a Conference on the Vice-Presidential Situation.

Cordial Greetings Mark the Meetings of the Day—Platt Objects to Taking Chances on Bliss in Case McKinley Should Die.

Roosevelt's Name Will Not Be Taken, and the Westerners Still Talk of a Stampede to Him—A Dinner to Hanna in the Union League Club—Scenes and Incidents.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16.—It was real politics to-day from the moment that the "Big Four" delegates to the Republican National Convention from the Empire State arrived in town.

WEST ENGLAND EXPRESS WRECKED.

Eight Persons Killed—Among the Injured Are Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Spence of Milwaukee.

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LONDON, June 16.—The West England express, which was wrecked at Slough station, on Monday night, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, had been carrying a large number of passengers.

DIDN'T COME BACK FOR BABY.

Tail Young Woman Left It With Mrs. Gense for a Few Minutes.

Mrs. Helena Gense of 512 East Thirteenth Street, went to the Fifth street police station last night with a three months old girl that she said had been left at her house by an impostor.

A tall, well-dressed young woman went into Mrs. Gense's apartment yesterday afternoon and said: "I am a friend of Mrs. Warren's."

A BRIDGE GIVES WAY.

Men, Women and Children Fall Twenty-Five Feet—Only Three Seriously Injured.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., June 16.—A miraculous escape from death and serious injury occurred at Sugar Grove last night when a large crowd of people were crossing a bridge on Main street.

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